

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled. No new claims have been added. Claims 1-3 remain pending in the application.

Objections/Rejections
Under 35 U.S.C. §112

1.0 *The Examiner has rejected claim 5 as indefinite for failure to recite an element effective for achieving a recited function.*

Applicant has incorporated the limitations of claim 5 into claim 1 and amended the incorporated language to recite that "the first and second motors are operably associated whereby the second motor is operational only when the first motor is operated". Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Objections/Rejections
Under 35 U.S.C. §102

2.0 *The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 as anticipated by Long.*

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowed claim 5 and the intermediate claims from which claim 5 depended, thereby rendering claim 1 allowable. Claims 2 and 3 continue to depend from claim 1. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Objections
to the Specification

3.0 *The Examiner has objected to the ABSTRACT for failure to provide a narrative description of the technical features of the invention.*

Applicant has replaced the ABSTRACT with a narrative which closely mimics the single independent claim in the application. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

*Objections
to the Drawings*

4.0 *The Examiner has objected to the DRAWINGS for failure to show each and every feature of the invention specified in the claims.*

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failure to show the friction feed roller.

Applicant respectfully submits that the friction feed roller [120] is shown in FIGURE 2. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the friction feed roller [120] may directly or indirectly pull the lowermost sheet in the tray in a machine direction from underneath the stack. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

CONCLUSION

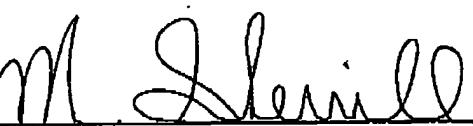
Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims (claims 1-3) are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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